

March 15

Jeremiah 29:8-14

**“An End or
A Future?”**

**“a
future**

and a hope”

**“an
expected
end”**

⁸ For thus saith the LORD
of hosts, the God of
Israel; Let not your
prophets and your
diviners, that be in the
midst of you, **deceive**
you, neither hearken to
your dreams which ye
cause to be dreamed. ⁹

For they **prophesy falsely**
unto you in my name:
I have not sent them,
saith the LORD. ¹⁰ For
thus saith the LORD, That
after seventy years be
accomplished at Babylon
I will visit you, and

perform my good word
toward you, in causing
you to return to this
place. ¹¹ For I know the
thoughts that I think
toward you, saith the
LORD, thoughts of peace,
and not of evil, **to give
you an expected end.**

¹² Then shall ye call upon
me, and ye shall go and
pray unto me, and I will
hearken unto you. ¹³ And
ye shall seek me, and
find me, when ye shall
search for me with all
your heart. ¹⁴ And I will

**be found of you, saith the
LORD: and I will turn
away your captivity, and
I will gather you from all
the nations, and from all
the places whither I have
driven you, saith the
LORD; and I will bring
you again into the place
whence I caused you to
be carried away captive.**

Why do people take
out one verse of this
passage? Why do
they rarely, if ever,

quote the parts about
the **deceptive**
prophets and
induced dreams,
or about **blessings**
only after years of
captivity?

Why do they just
pluck out verse 11
and even misapply
that to presume that
individuals and the

church, as a whole,
are guaranteed
everything good
on earth?

How is it that the
Authorized King
James Version's, "to
give you **an expected
end**" is turned to,
"plans to give you
hope and a future",
as it is rendered in

most of the more
modern versions?

How is “an expected
end” equivalent to
“hope and a **future**”?

In efforts to hear
“positive”, feel-good
messages, are we, in
this day and age,
being exposed to
deception as much as

those, in that time,
who were being
warned about
deceptions (as we
find in this very
passage)?